

# HOMES ZONE

Winter 2024

**Major works  
update**

**New Building**

**Safety team**

**Supported  
housing**

**Haringey**  
LONDON

# INTRODUCTION



## Welcome to the first edition of Homes Zone for 2024.

Last year we introduced the resident engagement groups that provide valuable feedback to help us improve all aspects of

the housing service. I am happy to announce that the Chair of the Residents' Voice Board, Afa, has been appointed. You can read more about Afa on page 5.

Our planned work, to upgrade council homes, across the borough, continues. For large scale projects, it is necessary to check the condition of the buildings as this will enable us to plan upgrades and repairs to maintain them properly.

That's why on two of our estates, Kenneth Robbins and Stellar House, specialist surveyors, (pictured on the cover), abseiled from the roof to report on the condition of the blocks. Turn to page 6 for more information and photos.

As the cost of living crisis has not gone away, please know that the council is here to help you, so take a look at the support available on page 8 and 9 and don't hesitate to contact us if you're struggling.

You might remember that in the last two issues, you were invited to take a survey to share your views on the magazine. Thank you to everyone who completed it. The survey has now closed and on page 11 there is a summary of the results and what we'll do to make the magazine even better.

Finally if you are interested in our supported housing service you can read the spotlight on Latimer House, one of our hubs, on page 12. On the next page you'll learn more about how residents played a crucial role in helping us recruit two new Support Officers that have joined the supported housing team.

*Cllr Sarah Williams*

**Cllr Sarah Williams**  
**Cabinet Member for Housing Services,**  
**Private Renters and Planning**

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**Cover photo:** One of the two specialist surveyors who abseiled from the roof of Stellar House.



## WANT TO HEAR MORE HOUSING NEWS?

Sign up for our monthly Homes Zone Extra e-bulletin, by scanning the QR code on the right hand side.



## YOUR SAFETY

One of our responsibilities is to access communal areas on estates to carry out a fire risk assessment or asbestos reinspection surveys to ensure the safety of the residents.

In some cases residents have either changed the lock or fitted additional locks/sliding bolts that prevent access to the communal area. As it is our legal duty to make sure these areas are well maintained, we'll need to take action to gain access and will remove additional locks and residents may be recharged any cost incurred.

## HARINGEY APPRENTICESHIPS AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

"The best thing about being an apprentice is the support, the constant learning and growth within your career and structure to progress." Sarah (picture on the right)

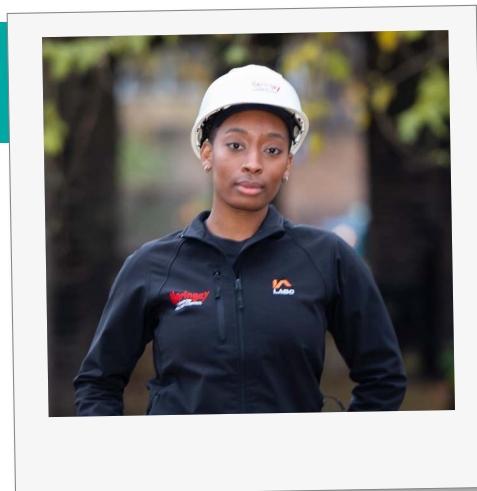
In early February we celebrated National Apprenticeship Week highlighting the positive impact that apprenticeships, have on individuals, businesses and the wider economy.

If you are looking for a job or apprenticeship Haringey Works, our employment support service can help you with career and CV advice as well as interview preparation.

Visit the website to find out more about vacancies and apprenticeships in Haringey and the surrounding areas



<https://works.haringey.gov.uk/>



## DON'T WAIT IN LINE - GO ONLINE

We have recently launched a new 'My Account' section on the Haringey Council website, where you can manage your council tax and rent accounts. You can also raise repair requests and track progress of any existing repairs through the Housing rent and repairs account.

It is quick to do and is a secure way to view your accounts. You can also check when payments are due and review your payment history.

Sign up by visiting <https://myaccount.haringey.gov.uk> and encourage your friends and family to sign up too.



## ESTATE PARKING CONSULTATION TO LAUNCH SOON

We are looking to roll out a new parking management approach on estates. As well as tackling rogue parking that often means residents cannot find a space, this will make things fairer by guaranteeing every household access to one permit and providing dedicated disabled parking bays for less mobile residents.

The new system is needed because of changes in the law. It will mean that estate parking will be governed by the same regulations as street parking and will enable us to tackle trespassers, abandoned vehicles and permit fraud much more effectively.

To cover the costs of the scheme, car owners will be asked to pay from 14 pence a day to park (the bigger and more polluting your engine the more you'll pay). This is different to the current system where all residents fund parking management even if they don't use a bay. Blue Badge holders and carers will be able to park for free.

We are committed to work closely with residents on co-designing and delivering every stage of the process. The rollout will be phased across the borough and will enable you to have your say on improvements such as new loading bays, motorcycle bays, disabled bays, cycle parking and electric vehicle charging points.

Our engagement team is already working with our resident voice group on co-designing the consultation which we expect to start in the summer. We are aiming to make the new system live by early 2026 and have committed to annual reviews so that we make sure the system works as well as it can for you.

## AIDS AND ADAPTATIONS AVAILABLE FOR TENANTS

If you are a council tenant and you have a disability, or you're having difficulties coping with everyday tasks within your home, please contact the council to discuss your needs and find out what support is available.

Our specialist team will conduct an assessment and then provide information to help you live independently, including recommendations for equipment or adaptations to your home such as bathing equipment or a stairlift. After these alterations are approved, they will be carried out at no extra cost to you.

Learn more by visiting or calling:



[www.haringey.gov.uk/  
equipment-adaptations](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/equipment-adaptations)



020 8489 1400

## NEW SERVICE CHARGE EMAIL ADDRESS FOR LEASEHOLDERS

Please note that the leasehold.services@haringey.gov.uk email address is no longer in use and is not monitored. If you have a query about service charges you can contact the team by emailing



[service.charges@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:service.charges@haringey.gov.uk)

For other queries, please find the correct contact details from the table below.

Query:	Contact details:
Report a repair	RepairsQueries@haringey.gov.uk
Report a repair – out of hours	OOH.Emergencies@haringey.gov.uk 020 8489 0000
Anti-social behaviour	ASB.Enforcement@haringey.gov.uk
Outstanding balance and payments	LeaseholdAccountEnquiries@Haringey.gov.uk
Your major works bill	LeaseholdCapitalWorks@Haringey.gov.uk
Right to buy, alterations and notice of transfers	Home.OwnershipTeamRTB@Haringey.gov.uk



Jahedur Rahman

# DIRECTOR'S UPDATE ON RESIDENTS' ENGAGEMENT

**Residents' input is fundamental to our service's journey of transformation. You are the ones who know your homes better than anyone else so with your insights you can help us co-create our strategy and improve council homes.**

Responsiveness and accountability are really important parts of this process so we need to act on your feedback and inform you about the changes we're making. Here are a few things our resident engagement team has done in the last few months responding to your feedback.

You said you wanted to speak to housing staff in person. The engagement team has delivered 22 successful estate surgeries across the borough giving residents the

opportunity to meet officers from repairs, tenancy, financial inclusion and leasehold and ask their questions.

You've also asked for more community activities for adults and young people in South Tottenham. There is now a weekly adult fitness programme and the team has secured funding to deliver a multi-sports programme for the young people who live in the area.

You've told us that you want to have a say in how we run the housing services. Resident panels and groups are in place, and resident representatives can influence how we plan, monitor and deliver services to you.

One of these groups is the Residents Voice Board and I am happy to share that the Chair of the Board, Afia, has now been appointed. Read more about Afia below.

*Jahedur Rahman*

**Operational Director - Housing Services and Building Safety**



Hi everyone,

My name is Afia Nkrumah and I have lived in Haringey for most of my life. I wanted to be part of the Residents Voice Board (RVB) because I am passionate and committed to being an advocate for local people like myself. After Grenfell I strongly believe it's really important for residents to get involved in whatever way we can.

I've volunteered at the Tavistock and Portman NHS hospitals for the last five years. Having cochaired the Trust wide Forum there, I have seen how much the organisation has benefitted from including the lived experience and collaboration of patients, families and the public.

If we want Haringey to be the safest, most comfortable and sustainable place to live, we have to let the council know what we need and want by getting involved and providing our point of view. We can help shape our council's policies and actions to provide effective services and long lasting changes that will benefit residents, leaseholders and everyone in the community. This is what I am hoping to achieve as the chair of the RVB.



Afia, Chair of Residents Voice Board

# MAJOR WORKS

## Keeping residents safe in their homes is our number one priority

We know that having a safe and decent place to live is fundamental for everyone to build a good life. That is why planning a programme of work across the borough to bring all council homes up to the Decent Homes Standard by 2028 is a priority for us.

Our new Housing Asset Management Strategy, which was co-created with a group of residents, will guide our significant investment in improving our homes in the coming years.

We have a dedicated team that is organising the major works that will deliver this commitment. This involves ensuring we survey our homes to understand their condition and programme in the work needed to maintain them.

Often these are large scale and complex projects. For example checking the condition of two high rise blocks Kenneth Robbins and Stellar House has required us to involve specialist surveyors, who have abseiled from the roof of the blocks, to report on their condition ahead of the works starting in late 2024. This will help us assess the condition of the buildings and enable us to plan next steps.



**Specialist surveyor abseiling from the roof of Stellar House**

Haringey aims to be a net-zero carbon borough by 2041 and so helping deliver more energy efficient homes is another important priority for the team. Fitting insulation should make our homes cheaper to heat in the future and keep energy bills down.

“We have been putting a lot of work into planning our programme and getting our systems and processes in place – so that we can make every penny count.” Robert Price, Programme Manager said.

So, as well as delivering good quality, decent homes, we also want to secure additional benefits for the local community. Procuring new long-term contracts will enable us to be more cost effective and offer more training and employment opportunities for those who live locally.

# ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

## Keeping you safe and tackling anti-social behaviour

We want residents to feel safe in their homes and we have a number of teams that are working with partners such as the police to ensure that anti-social behaviour issues are addressed in the best way possible.

Anti-social behaviour may include verbal abuse, harassment, threatening behaviour, drugs and alcohol misuse. You can also report vandalism, abandoned cars, fly tipping as well as make noise complaints. When contacting us you can help our teams by providing information about where and when the incident occurred, who was affected, how did the incident make you feel as well as any evidence you've collected.

Our teams have been working hard to investigate and resolve issues and you can read about some of the actions taken below.

We've had numerous reports of abandoned vehicles that are taking up resident parking spaces. The team has been working with partners including the police and parking enforcement to resolve ongoing issues with resident parking. This has proven to be quite successful as the number of reports has gone down.



There have also been concerns about young people hanging around or inside of our blocks that may behave in anti-social ways. Our team has been working closely with other teams such as tenancy management, repairs, enforcement, safer estates CCTV as well as the police to address this. It remains a work in progress but by coming together, we're hoping to make our estates a safer and happier place for our residents.

There have been many estate surgeries held since last year to provide an opportunity for residents to talk to teams, including teams that work on resolving anti-social behaviour issues, in person. Often attendees tell us about problems that they wouldn't have reported otherwise but meeting teams allows residents to mention things in passing for us to address.

Working proactively with partners such as the police to ensure that they are aware of our estates and assisting them with their investigations is really important to help us tackle anti-social behaviour. A recent success involved the Safer Estates Team working with the Police's Gang Unit to provide support and CCTV coverage during a police operation to bust a drugs gang and positively impact the community.

You can find more information and report anti-social behaviour by visiting



[www.haringey.gov.uk/  
report-asb](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/report-asb)

or by calling us on



**020 8489 1000**

and for out of hours please call on



**020 8489 0000**

# MONEY SAVING TIPS

With the current cost of living crisis, we all want to lower our bills. Here are a few quick tips to help you reduce the amount of energy you consume and other sources of help if you have money worries.

- Remember to turn off appliances that are on standby mode and don't leave devices charging unnecessarily.
- Replace your light bulbs with energy saving ones and turn off the lights when you're leaving the room.
- Change the temperature of your hot water tank to 60°C to ensure you're not overspending on heating water.
- When using your washing machine wash your clothes at a lower temperature and use the half-load programme if you're not filling it up.
- Reduce your thermostat's temperature by 1°C to cut down on your heating bills.

## GET SUPPORT WITH ENERGY BILLS


If you're finding it difficult to stay on top of your bills and keep your home warm due to the increasing energy costs, don't struggle in silence. Please contact the council to find out about the support available. For more information please visit

 [www.haringey.gov.uk/warm](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/warm)

## SHINE

We have partnered with SHINE London to provide a one-stop referral service for residents who are struggling to pay their energy bills. If you are on a low income, over 60, have children, have a disability or long-term illness you can get free advice on cutting costs, managing money and other wellbeing support.

Visit the SHINE website or call for more information

 <https://shine-london.org.uk>

 [0300 555 0195](tel:03005550195)

 [020 8489 3686](tel:02084893686)

## HELP WITH MONEY WORRIES

If you need help managing debt or want advice with budgeting you can visit our Here to Help pages to learn more about the services available to help you through this difficult time. You can use online tools such as the benefits calculator to find out which benefits you are eligible for and can get in touch with our team to help you improve your financial situation. For more information visit

 [www.haringey.gov.uk/HereToHelp](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/HereToHelp)

 [financial.inclusion@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:financial.inclusion@haringey.gov.uk)

You can also attend our upcoming money management workshops to get practical advice on budgeting and making your money go further. Book your place by scanning the QR code.




## Downsizing and Mutual Exchange

If you have more space than you need, or have difficulties maintaining and paying the bills for a large home, you might want to consider downsizing or mutual exchange.

Downsizing is when you are moving to a smaller property because your current home is larger than you need and mutual exchange is when you swap your home with another council home.

If your circumstances change and would like to learn more about the options and incentives available to you, email us at

 [tenancymanagement@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:tenancymanagement@haringey.gov.uk)

Our team often organises information events open to all residents to come along, meet the team and ask your questions about downsizing and mutual exchange, so keep an eye out for upcoming events.



## GET YOUR FINANCES IN SHAPE WITH A CREDIT UNION SAVINGS ACCOUNT

If you save with the Credit Union, you may be eligible for a low interest rate loan in the future. Credit Union is a not-for-profit savings and loans co-operative dedicated to promoting saving rather than borrowing. It has already helped many Haringey residents learn about the benefits of budgeting and is free to join with no minimum required to save.

With the Prize Saver, every £1 saved, enters you into a monthly draw with prizes ranging from £20-£5000, while your savings are still yours to withdraw!

Find out more by visiting the Credit Union website

 <https://credit-union.coop/>

## PLAN AHEAD IF YOU CLAIM UNIVERSAL CREDIT (UC) AND GET SUPPORT WITH HOUSING COSTS

From 1 April 2024, we will enter a financial year with 53 rent weeks. Unfortunately, UC is not set up to cover the additional week. This will mean a shortfall in UC housing cost payments by one week so you will be responsible for paying this. We advise the following options:

**Option 1:** Pay an additional top up amount each week to cover the shortfall.

**Option 2:** Pay a week's rent by the end of the financial year to cover the shortfall.

If you would like to discuss the options with a member of our Financial Inclusion team, then please email



[financial.inclusion@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:financial.inclusion@haringey.gov.uk)

## DON'T FORGET TO PRIORITISE YOUR RENT

Rent is one of the most important bills you should pay to ensure that you don't go into arrears that can put your tenancy at risk. Rent is charged weekly every Monday and should be paid in advance.

If you are struggling to pay your rent, we could support you to maximise your income. Contact our Financial Inclusion Team by emailing



[financial.inclusion@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:financial.inclusion@haringey.gov.uk)

or contact your Income Management Officer.



# INTRODUCING THE NEW BUILDING SAFETY TEAM



*Day to day, you'll see us walking around checking shared areas for faulty equipment, any damage or health and safety risks. We will also monitor all planned repairs and work with other teams to ensure safety concerns are dealt with effectively and quickly.*



The council has recently set up a new team of four building safety managers (BSMs), whose role is to ensure the safety of the residents who live in high rise buildings across the borough. We asked Chris, Buddy, Craig and Joseph about their roles and how they'll work with residents.



Chris, Craig and Joseph

## WHAT ARE YOUR MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES?

In co-ordination with others we are focused on ensuring the effective building safety management of our high-rise residential buildings in relation to structural and fire safety risks.

## HOW WILL YOU WORK WITH RESIDENTS?

It's all about partnership. The Building Safety Act 2022 places duties on both the council and the building's occupants to keep our buildings safe. We will engage with our residents to ensure that they understand what we are doing to keep them safe and the role that they as occupants have so that they feel safe and secure.

By working collaboratively with residents, we can learn from past experiences and ensure they feel listened to.

## HOW CAN RESIDENTS PLAY AN ACTIVE PART?

As they say on the underground: 'see it, say it, sorted'. We encourage people to get in touch with us to report safety issues like faulty fire doors.

Everyone can help reduce risk by following the basics, keeping fire doors closed and communal areas clear and by providing access when repairs are needed so we can act quickly.

Together, with our community and resident engagement team, we are aiming to co-create building specific engagement plans with residents to keep them informed about what's happening in their building, provide opportunities to get involved and share feedback.

## HOW CAN RESIDENTS CONTACT YOU?

Speak to us when you see us out and about and email us at



A note with our contact details will be distributed soon!

## TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

### JOSEPH BANTON

Building Safety Manager for Debden House, Hawkinge House, Hornchurch House, Kenley House, Lympne House, Manston House, Martlesham House, Northolt House, Rochford House, Croydon House

### CRAIG CALDER

Building Safety Manager for Bournes House, Cordell House, Eckington House, Oatfield House, Rosa Luxemburg House, Twyford House, Warren Court, Welbourne Centre/(Walter Tull House), Stapleford, Chettle Court, Garton House

### CHRIS GILL

Building Safety Manager for Kenneth Robbins House, Campbell Court, Charles House, Ermine House, Moselle House, Stellar House, The Weymarks, Trulock Court, Dowding House, Mountbatten House, Wavell House

### BUDDY KELNER

Building Safety Manager for Cedar House, Daphne House, Elizabeth Blackwell House, George Lansbury House, Basil Spence House, Joyce Butler House, Thomas Hardy House, John Keats House, Finsbury House, Newbury House, Wat Tyler House

# READERS' SURVEY RESULTS

In the two previous editions of Homes Zone we invited you to complete a short survey to give us your views on the magazine, what you like and dislike and what we could improve. We want to thank everyone who participated and provided us with valuable feedback. The lucky winner of the draw was notified in December 2023 and received the voucher.

In this edition we would like to share a summary of the results and what we're going to do to make the magazine even better.

90%

always or sometimes read the magazine

78%

either read the entire issue or flick through



80%

said the amount of pages and text is about right

70%

said the readability of the magazine is excellent or very good with another 27% rating it as good

59%

said the frequency is about right

with 30% saying it's not enough

61%

rated the colour and images as excellent or very good with another 30% rating it as good

63%

gave the magazine 5 or 4 out of 5 stars

with another 19% giving it 3 out of 5 stars



**You've also told us that you are interested in the following topics:**

- Anti-social behaviour and how the council is tackling this
- Supported housing information
- Cost of living and energy bills support
- Repairs updates
- Introduction to the directors and senior management
- Money tips and advice
- Housing events and residents' activities
- Training opportunities and apprenticeships



In the coming months, we'll be taking your views into account to ensure the magazine becomes more reader friendly and informative. We will be providing updates about the topics you told us you'd like to hear more about, starting with this issue covering anti-social behaviour on page 7, cost of living support on page 8 and 9, supported housing on pages 11 and 12 and activities on pages 14 and 15.

You also said you were interested in more reader participation. To ensure that your feedback is ongoing, we'll be working with our residents engagement team to get you involved in the editorial process. This will allow us to discuss the types of articles and content included in the magazine and encourage resident participation while ensuring that we cover a variety of topics that you most want to hear about.



# SUPPORTED HOUSING IN HARINGEY

**The council offers supported housing for people over 50 years old, to enable them to live as independently as possible with the help of our services and staff. There are eight hubs and each has nearby cluster schemes to form a local community with tenants receiving high quality support that's tailored to their needs. From support with minor repairs and adaptations to assistance with benefits and budgeting, our staff are here to help residents.**

Creating a safe place and encouraging social interaction and life-long learning is key to helping tenants reach their full potential. In our hubs there are communal facilities such as lounges and gardens where various activities are taking place for residents to join in.

Latimer House, one of the hubs located in Tottenham, houses 32 residents who make up a vibrant community. Being a wellbeing hub means that there are creative and social activities taking place on a weekly basis including the Life and Soul Singing Club as well as the drag bingo show and garden walks.

In recent months Latimer House residents have participated in two borough wide creative projects, Haringey Feast and "The Grip" exhibition. With the help of professional dancer and choreographer Tom Hobden and his company UNIT, tenants choreographed dances to create a film based around their memories and feelings, bringing their stories to life.

"We had a screening at Latimer House for the residents and their neighbours and everyone found the film very moving. It was wonderful to see tenants participating in

this project and sharing their inspiring life stories with the wider community and we're hoping to do it again." Jessica Amery, Project and Activities Coordinator said.

Residents also worked with the Code1 Community Group on "The Grip" exhibition to mark the 75th anniversary of the arrival of HMT Empire Windrush on the shores of mainland Britain and celebrate the people of that generation.

To bring the community together, corporate volunteering days are often organised in our schemes and recently the Ingeus team from Tottenham Hale, came out to Latimer House and The Crescent for a day of gardening and team bonding.

"The day was hugely successful with the team helping to transform the garden for the residents. We look forward to planning more corporate volunteering days in the future." Naomi Ellynn, Projects and Activities Assistant, said.

For more information visit



[www.haringey.gov.uk/  
supportedhousing](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/supportedhousing)



Residents celebrate creative activities with choreographer Tom Hobden and Jessica Amery, Project and Activities Coordinator



Latimer House garden



Life and Soul singing teachers Becky and Eva - Photo by Johnny Appleton @ xplorewithintent

# RESIDENTS HELPING US RECRUIT NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Back left to right: Jessica and Naomi who helped throughout the recruitment process. Front left to right: Monika and Bibi

Our supported housing team works closely with residents and ensure that they can provide feedback and help us shape different aspects of the service. For the last few months the team has been working with a group of residents to co-produce leaflets and a welcome pack and has also involved residents in the recruitment of two new support workers.

***"We want to put resident engagement at the heart of our service as part of our ethos. This will amplify tenants' experience and guide us in delivering better services."***

Helidon Topulli, Head of Support & Wellbeing

A panel of four residents with varied personal and professional recruitment experience was put together to carry out the first stage interviews. The residents interviewed seven candidates, rated the answers and shared their views with the housing team to help them make the final decision.

"We wanted our residents to be involved in the recruitment of our staff, due to their valuable insight and experience of living within our service. This is an opportunity for

them to support us in recruiting the right people, with the right skills to enhance the service we deliver.

***"We hope that they will continue to utilise their skills and experience, and support us again in the near future, as well as supporting the recruitment in other areas of the council."***

Jason Keen, Team Manager East

Two panel members, Monika and Bibi, both tenants of the Spanswick supported housing scheme, shared their experience.

***"I was a retail manager for many years and I suggested a similar idea to a company where I was working before, so when Jason asked me to get involved in the decision making process I thought it was very interesting because it's along the same lines to my idea."***

Monika

When asked about how she decided to join the panel, Bibi said "My friend, Monika, suggested I join and then Jason contacted me and explained the role we'll play. I have worked as a teacher and I was interviewing parents and talking about their kids but this was my

first time interviewing candidates. I was so happy and excited to try this." Bibi explained.

Reflecting on her experience, Monika said:

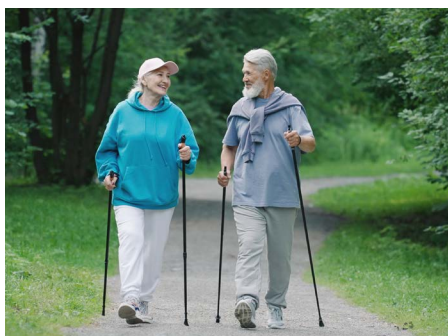
"All the members of the panel came from different backgrounds, so it was quite surprising to find out that we all got a similar impression of the interviewees. There were candidates that I gave them a lower score and after the interview I found that other residents did something similar and it was pretty much the same for the housing team as well."

***"I feel I gained a lot out of this experience because I never thought in my life that I would do something like this and my family and kids encouraged me to do this. I was a bit nervous but I tried it and it was a good experience for me."***

Bibi

"For me, it was a step back into my normal working life before I came here, so it felt good and I would like to do it again," Monika added.

# EVENTS NOTICEBOARD



## NORDIC WALKING

If you're over 50 years old and want to try a different form of exercise you can come along to our Nordic walking group. Nordic walking uses poles that resemble ski poles to make walking more effective. The poles can take some of the strain off from joints in the legs and can support with balance and stability to help you move more effectively and freely.

**Day:** Every Tuesday  
**Location:** Palace Gates (N22)  
**Time:** 11am – 12pm  
**Cost:** Free



## DESIGN WORKSHOP

From tapestries, lamp shades and pillow cases to chairs and benches you can join our design workshops for people over 50 to learn how to design and make many cool items! You're free to explore your curiosity and create what interests you and there is also a party, or exhibition to celebrate the work made!

**Day:** Every Friday  
**Location:** Campbell Court (N17)  
**Time:** 11am – 1pm  
**Cost:** Free

The Design Workshop that takes place in Bigbury Close (N17) has restarted. For more information you can contact



 [shactivities@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:shactivities@haringey.gov.uk)



## GUITAR LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS

We welcome everybody over 50 years old to join our group and have a go at learning how to create music! With an expert teacher you will be introduced to Latin American rhythms and surprise yourself with the musical talent you find within.

**Day:** Every Saturday  
**Location:** Stonebridge Road (N15)  
**Time:** 12pm – 1.30pm  
**Cost:** Free

 [Luisa - 07761074785](tel:07761074785)  
 [info@oldalone.org.uk](mailto:info@oldalone.org.uk)

## SALSA AND FOLK DANCE LESSONS FOR ALL LEVELS

If you enjoy dancing and you're over 50 years old, you can try our dance lessons. You can dance solo, with a partner, or as part of a group! These weekly lessons are for beginners and experienced dancers alike and with some friendly instruction and Latin American music you can have fun together.

**Day:** Every Saturday  
**Location:** Stonebridge Road (N15)  
**Time:** 2pm – 3.30pm  
**Cost:** Free

 [Luisa - 07761074785](tel:07761074785)  
 [info@oldalone.org.uk](mailto:info@oldalone.org.uk)



## DIGITAL SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Our 12 week Digital Skills programme for people over 50 years old has started. Come along to these sessions to get individual support on all things digital and build your confidence. Bring your own smartphone or tablet and get advice on how to use your device and get online.

**Location:** Bigbury Close, N17 8JQ



[shactivities@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:shactivities@haringey.gov.uk)



07815653631

## HARINGEY IN BLOOM 2024

Haringey In Bloom is our annual gardening competition that celebrates how residents across the borough have brightened up their gardens to create beautiful green spaces. Whether you're a beginner or experienced gardener you are welcome to participate. All that matters is having a passion for gardening.

If you would like to take part in Haringey in Bloom 2024, keep an eye out for more information on our website and social media this spring. In the meantime, have a look at last year's competition



[www.haringey.gov.uk/haringeybloom](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/haringeybloom)



Some of the 2023 winners with the Mayor and Cllr Peacock

# GREENING THE BOROUGH

**We have partnered with environmental charity Trees for Cities to plant new trees in Commerce Road Open Space and Waltheof Gardens, aiming to increase shade and biodiversity and improve the visual amenity of the space.**

Trees for Cities has been working for 30 years to enable and inspire a new generation of individuals and communities to plant, protect and promote urban trees.

The project aims to plant up to 6 trees in Commerce Road Open Space that's part of a residential estate in Wood Green. The local community has provided their feedback and between 25 and 29 March a series of tree planting workshops with residents and local schools will take place.

Waltheof Gardens is part of the Tower Gardens residential estate. After having received feedback from the community, tree planting workshops with schools and local businesses will be held between 18 and 29 March and on 23 March we're inviting the local community to our planting day. For more information and to register to attend the planting day please visit



<https://www.treesforcities.org/waltheof-gardens>



# Are you ready to vote?

**Make sure you've registered to vote!**

This can be done online or by post and takes just a couple of minutes.



## Want to vote in person?

- ✓ Check that you have an accepted form of photo ID. These are some of the accepted forms:



If you don't, you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate.

- ✓ Check your poll card to find your polling station.

## Want to vote by post or proxy?

- ✓ You can apply online for a postal or proxy vote.



For more information, visit:  
[www.haringey.gov.uk/elections](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/elections)

**Ready, Set, Vote!**

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